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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims 3-28:

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--3. A method of storing a sterilized chemical composition for use in a sterile environment and maintaining the sterilization shelf life of the sterilized chemical composition for a prolonged period of time in a storage area, said sterilized chemical composition being contained in a sealed container, said sealed container being hermetically sealed in successive first and second hermetically sealed container enclosures, and a shipping enclosure to form a closed shipping package adapted to be transported, comprising the steps of:

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